

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT FOR THE TREATY ON CONVENTIONAL ARMED FORCES IN EUROPE RES- OLUTION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, otherwise known as the Helsinki Commission, I rise to introduce a resolution which expresses the concern of this body regarding the Russian Federation's suspension of implementation of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty (CFE).

Russia's declared suspension of the CFE on last July 14 is troubling to the countries that are parties to the treaty because it may lead to instability in the security situation in Europe.

NATO and the former Warsaw Pact countries ratified the CFE in 1990, under the auspices of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, predecessor of the current Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). The CFE has played a major role in European security in the post-Cold War era. The treaty set broad limits on key categories of conventional military equipment in Europe and mandated the destruction of excess weaponry. Under its provisions, over 60,000 pieces of combat material have been destroyed or removed from the arsenals of signatory states, under a rigorous, but mutually acceptable, transparency regime. In sum, it established parity, transparency, and stability among the conventional military forces and equipment in Europe.

The CFE was amended in 1999 to account for the dissolution of the former Soviet Union and the reality that several Warsaw Pact countries had become NATO members. However, NATO members have not yet ratified the amended treaty because Russia has failed to fulfill related commitments to withdraw its troops and weaponry from the territories of Moldova and Georgia, where they are stationed against the wishes of those governments.

Among other reasons, Russia justified its suspension of the CFE on the basis that the U.S. plans to construct missile defence facilities in Eastern Europe, NATO member states refuse to ratify the 1999 CFE "Adaptation Agreement," and what Moscow sees as further encroachment by NATO toward Russia's border.

Madam Speaker, this resolution is not intended to discount Russia's concerns in the area of national security. However, Russia's actions over the past few months, combined with this latest on the CFE, prompts the question: How much of Russia's decision to suspend the CFE was based on genuine security concerns, and how much of the decision was designed to project President Putin and his United Party as "tough on the West" in the face of upcoming parliamentary and presidential elections?

We believe that Russia's proposed "moratorium" on CFE compliance is a regrettable step that may needlessly increase tensions in Europe.

I am introducing this "sense of the House" resolution urging the Government of the Russian Federation to reconsider its intention to

suspend CFE implementation and to engage in dialogue with the other CFE signatory states to resolve outstanding problems and establish a foundation for the eventual implementation of the above-mentioned Adaptation Agreement to the CFE Treaty of 1999. In other words, we urge Russia to reconsider its decision and behave more responsibly.

I urge my colleagues to support this timely resolution as a demonstration of this body's concern for European security.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY CADO

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise to note, with great sadness, the passing of Kathy Cado, a Seattle activist of great compassion and uncompromising integrity. Kathy was a remarkable woman who lent her considerable organizing and fundraising skills to educational projects, environmental efforts, health care initiatives, community programs, and women's issues. She loved progressive politics, and brought to it verve uniquely hers.

Kathy was that rarest of activists—a person of strong views who nonetheless could establish rapport with almost anyone. She brought humor and kindness to all of her endeavors, and she strove always to better her community. She was creative and witty, energizing countless campaigns and ballot efforts. Kathy was a mentor, and an inspiration, to so many; she leaves a legacy of public engagement matched by few others.

Kathy was a kidney transplant patient who struggled for many years with the consequences of renal disease. Yet, she refused to allow her illness to diminish her activism or her commitment to others. Instead, she embraced a new arena of involvement, learning as much as she could about this challenging field of medicine, and working tirelessly to support more kidney disease research and patient service. And, perhaps most significantly, she was resolute that the excellent treatment she received must be available to all who need it, regardless of resources or circumstances.

Kathy Cado was a very special human being who enriched the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know her. She was, in the very best sense, a public citizen.

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. DON- ALD AND ROSEMARY RAHABY UPON THEIR 50TH WEDDING AN- NIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor, acknowledge, and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Donald and Rosemary Rahaby upon their 50th wedding anniversary.

As beloved area leaders, both Donald and Rosemary have dedicated their lives to serving our community. During his distinguished

career in the United States Army, Donald met Rosemary while stationed in the Detroit area. Soon after, they were engaged and later married at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, Michigan, on July 6, 1957. After leaving the military, Donald served as the executive vice-president of Masco Corporation before ascending to president of Flint & Walling, Incorporated, which are both Michigan-based manufacturing businesses. Today, Donald is the president of American Dryer, Incorporated, another manufacturing company based in Livonia, Michigan.

Throughout their marriage, Rosemary has been a devoted wife and homemaker. She serves as parishioner in Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville and graciously volunteers her time at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Michigan. Together, Donald and Rosemary are the loving parents of four children, David, Susan, Linda, and Daniel, and of 12 grandchildren, Danielle, Ashley, Paul, Patrick, Alexander, Michael, Brian, Emily, Meghan, Kaitlyn, Matthew, and Jennifer.

Madam Speaker, through their service, guidance, and generosity, Donald and Rosemary have played an important role in their family and community. They have led their children into successful marriages and careers, and helped them become well-respected members of their communities. Today, as we recognize their 50th wedding anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Mr. and Mrs. Donald and Rosemary Rahaby's eternal dedication to each other and selfless service to our community and our country.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER JAMES HOWES

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has committed his life to public service. Officer James Howes of the Santa Cruz Police Department in Santa Cruz, California will retire on September 6, 2007, after more than 26 years of personal sacrifice for his community and his country.

Officer Howes was born in Monterey, California and has since spent most of his life in the Monterey Bay area. A graduate of Watsonville High School, he later went on to study at Cabrillo Community College and the University of Phoenix, where he earned a degree in Business Management.

As a young man, Jim enlisted in the United States Marine Corps to defend our homeland. Stationed in Camp Pendleton, California and Okinawa, Japan, he attained the rank of Sergeant while proudly serving our nation.

Throughout his 26-year career at the Santa Cruz Police Department, Officer Howes has protected the public as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, and as a DUI Enforcement Officer, where he helped keep dangerous drunk drivers off of our roads. For 8 years, Officer Howes has served as the Santa Cruz Police Department's Community Service Specialist. He has helped to empower his community and has coordinated the National Night Out, the Citizen's Police Academy, and Business and Neighborhood Watch Programs.

Serving as a member of law enforcement is never easy. Each time a police officer such as

Officer Howes reports to the scene, they can rarely know what to expect. The sacrifices they make are shared with their families, who have the same uncertainty every time these brave men and women leave for work. I would therefore like to recognize the sacrifice that Officer Howes' family has also made during his years of service. Officer Howes and his family have certainly made a significant contribution to the city of Santa Cruz, and I truly appreciate their efforts.

In addition to the outstanding work he has done as a member of law enforcement, Officer Howes regularly serves his community while off duty. He teaches vocational programs to local high school and college students, placing an emphasis on law enforcement and career guidance. Through his great efforts to create a better Santa Cruz, Officer Howes has garnered the admiration of his community, and in 2006, was chosen as a Community Hero by the Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project through the United Way. The service and dedication that Officer Howes has shown throughout the course of his career further proves that he is a hero.

Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Officer James Howes for his many years of commitment and service to the city of Santa Cruz and to the people who live there. Although he will retire soon, I am sure that his commitment to the city of Santa Cruz will last throughout his life.

IN HONOR OF MORGAN GRIER
MURPHY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Morgan Grier Murphy, who from 1943 until his death last week at the age of 78, was a faithful servant, leader, and business innovator in Albany, GA.

I am proud to have been able to call Morgan a constituent during my 15 years in Congress. Through his leadership in the banking industry, he strengthened the economy of Dougherty County and Southwest Georgia. With his active involvement in the state and local Chambers of Commerce, his work with various environmental and conservation groups, as well as his commitment to One Albany, which addresses diversity issues within the community, Morgan managed to positively influence every major issue in the public sector. He opened up dialogue between formerly segregated parts of Albany, took difficult stances, and inspired others to make a difference.

Aside from his professional achievements, Morgan was widely known as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was an avid sportsman who was passionate about hunting, fishing, and golfing.

A graduate of Albany High School and Brevard College in North Carolina, Morgan served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. Following his time in the military, he returned to Albany where he began his career as a banker and lifelong public servant.

Morgan's death leaves a void among the Albany community. He had many passions, and

managed to make an impact on many organizations. I find it improbable that just one person will fill his shoes in the community.

So, on this the 31st day of July, 2007, I commend Morgan Grier Murphy for his commitment to helping Albany, GA, helping it live up to its name of the "Good Life" city. Morgan truly tried to make life better for everyone.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS OF DR. W. RON DEHAVEN

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments and the retirement of Dr. W. Ron DeHaven of Crofton, MD. Dr. DeHaven has secured his legacy within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and with the public he served during his 28 years with Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Dr. DeHaven will continue to shape the course of APHIS' work for some time to come due to the integrity and professionalism he brought to his role as APHIS administrator, and the initiatives begun under his leadership. In all of his activities, he repeatedly demonstrated a deep compassion for both animals and humans alike, including the thousands of employees who have served under his leadership.

His recent initiatives include, among others: the ongoing efforts to streamline the regulatory review for the imports of fruits and vegetables; creating electronic permitting systems for APHIS stakeholders; developing supervisory programs to keep the agency well-managed; and building international coordination and capacity for handling animal disease outbreaks.

In combination, Dr. DeHaven's many initiatives and his personal conviction for "doing the right thing" have set a high bar for those who follow him as Administrator. I want to thank Dr. DeHaven for his service to American agriculture and wish him well.

RECOVERING THE LEGACY OF THE
UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2707, Mr. KUCINICH's resolution to reauthorize the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program. I praise the initiative contained in this resolution to point out the historical, cultural, and educational legacy behind the Underground Railroad. It is through that network of tunnels and secret hiding places that many African Americans escaped slavery. As a symbol of freedom, the Underground Railroad deserves greater recognition and appreciation; regrettably many of its artifacts and secrets remain hidden and lost.

I have long believed in and fought for more and better education of African American history. Well, an important part of that history is

contained in the struggle for freedom that characterized the slave experience. Some would have us believe that slaves passively accepted their captivity in the plantations in the South. The truth is there was an active resistance to slavery; which included periodic uprisings and constant efforts to escape. The full role and extent of the Underground Railroad has yet to be discovered and remains unknown. The legislation authorizes the Secretary of Education to sponsor studies and make grants for programs that promote knowledge of the Underground Railroad.

With the resources and technology available today, we owe it to the history of African Americans and the history of the United States to study, preserve, and make available to all the hidden secrets of the Underground Railroad. Secret routes and safehouses still remain unknown—secrets that may remain buried in our backyards.

The establishment of this facility would allow significant missing pieces in African American history to be properly studied and commemorated.

Through the passage of this legislation, the work of the National Park Service and its study of the phenomenon known as the Underground Railroad will be continued. Established by Congress in 1990, the National Park Service has made major progress in learning more about the secret routes and the processes used in escorting these fugitive slaves to freedom.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1,
IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDA-
TIONS OF THE 9/11 COMMISSION
ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 27, 2007

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about the emergency communications provisions in the H.R. 1 Conference Report.

September 11th and Hurricane Katrina were high-profile reminders that our first responders across the Nation cannot communicate with each other during an emergency.

Ensuring interoperable communications among 50,000 different public safety systems is no easy task. While the Department of Homeland Security has attempted to address this problem over the years, the agency spent \$3 billion without achieving any measurable improvements. Meanwhile, the Energy and Commerce Committee, recognizing that this issue requires strong federal leadership, ushered through the passage of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 last Congress. That legislation not only cleared 24 MHz of spectrum for nationwide, interoperable public safety communications, it also provided \$1 billion in grants for interoperable solutions, \$156 million for a national alert and tsunami warning system, and \$43.5 million for advanced 911 services.

The Energy and Commerce Committee also secured last Congress the creation of the Office of Emergency Communications so that there would be an entity of expertise within the Department of Homeland Security whose sole